



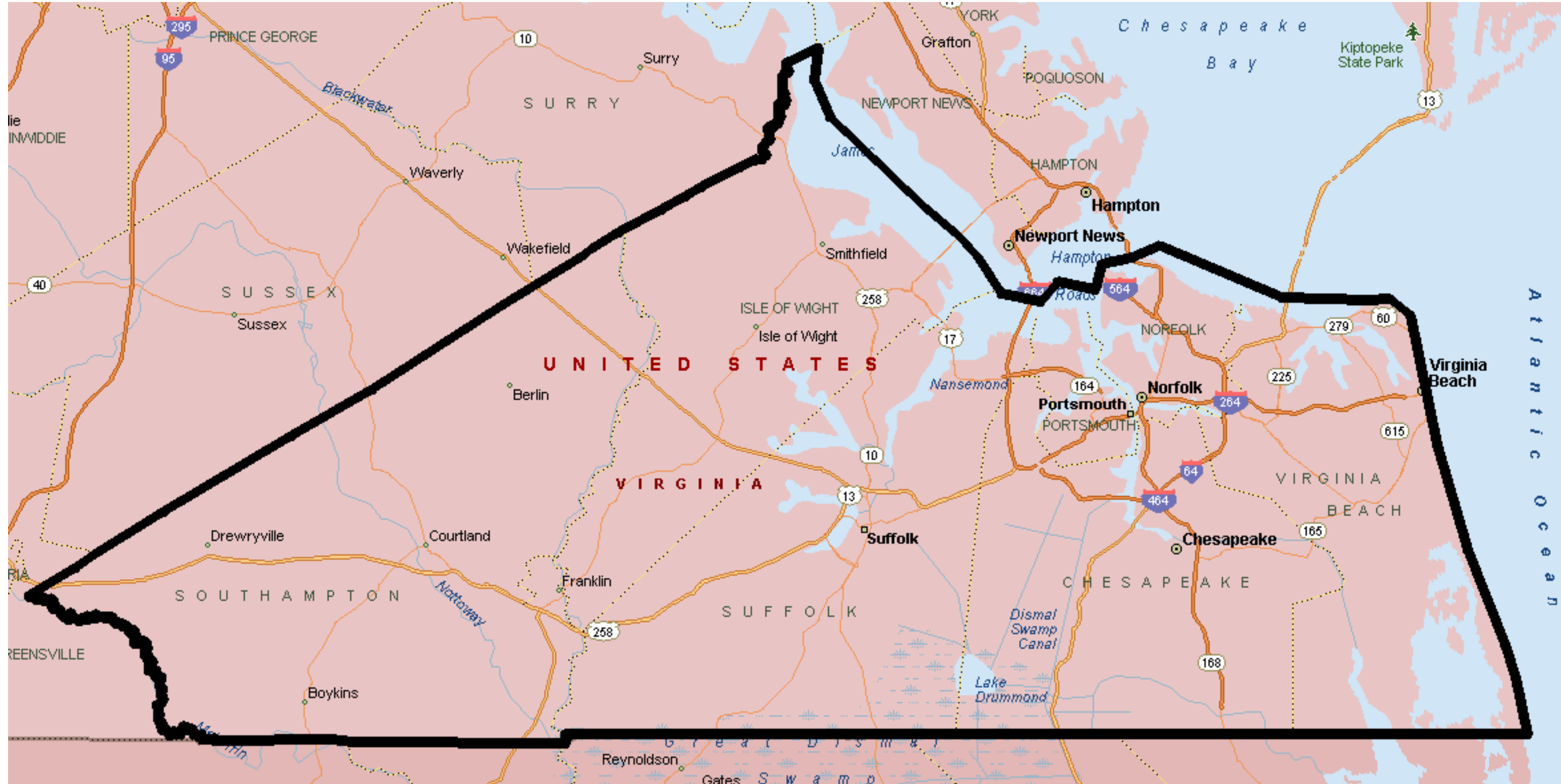
Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendments

Agency Roles

- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission:
 - regional solid waste **planning** agency (designated in 2010)
 - responsible for amending the plan when changes occur in the waste management system
- Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA):
 - regional solid waste **management** agency
 - operates the waste management system



SPSA Service Area



Closing of the Waste to Energy Facility in Portsmouth

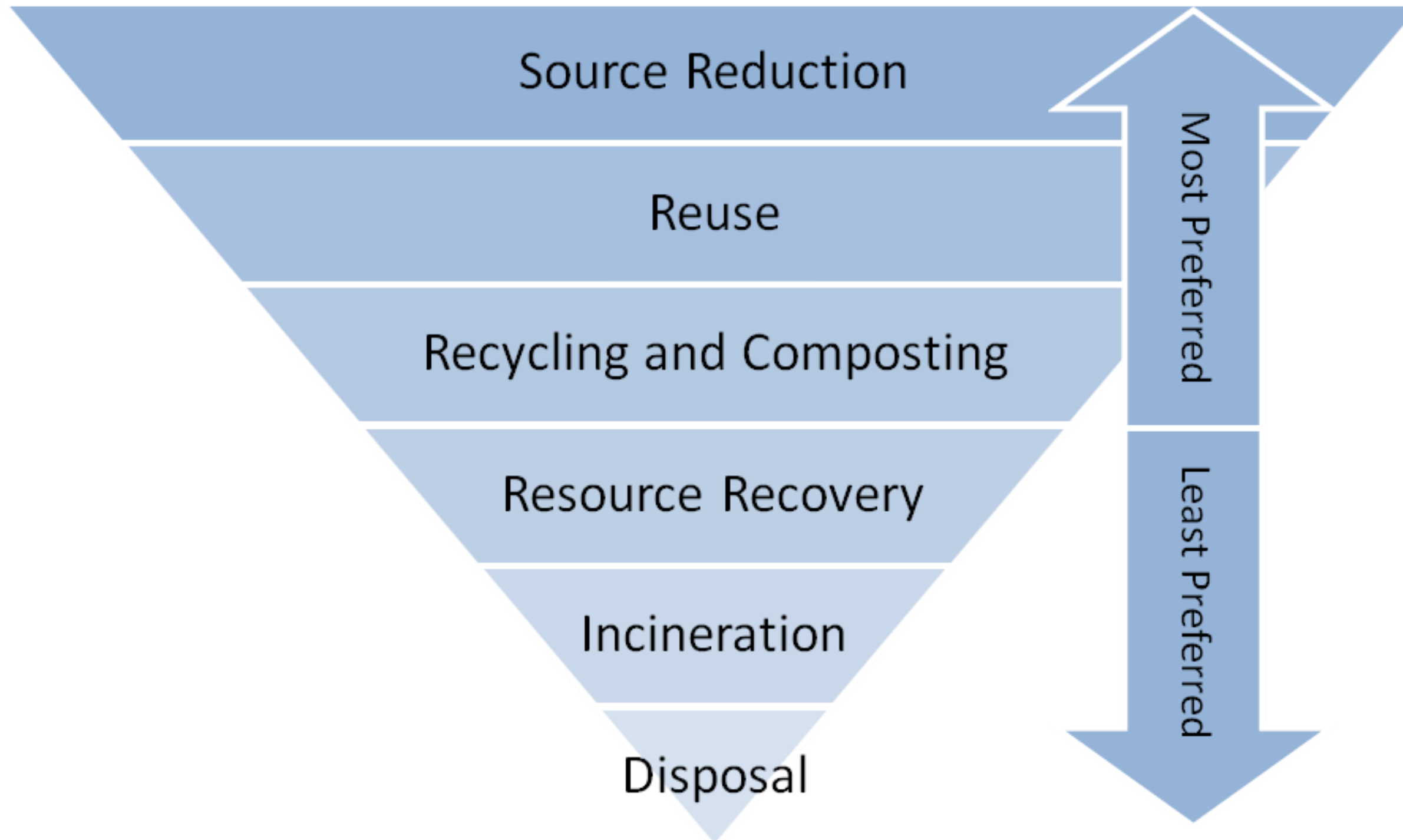
- SPSA has utilized waste-to-energy since the 1980s, reducing the volume of the waste stream by approximately 70%.
- A decision by the U.S. Navy to construct a combined heat and energy facility and end its contract with WIN Waste has resulted in a decision by WIN Waste to close the facility in July of 2024.



Major Amendment One

- Movement down the waste disposal hierarchy from incineration to disposal: The shift from burning much of the regional solid waste for energy to landfilling that waste is considered by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to be a major plan amendment.

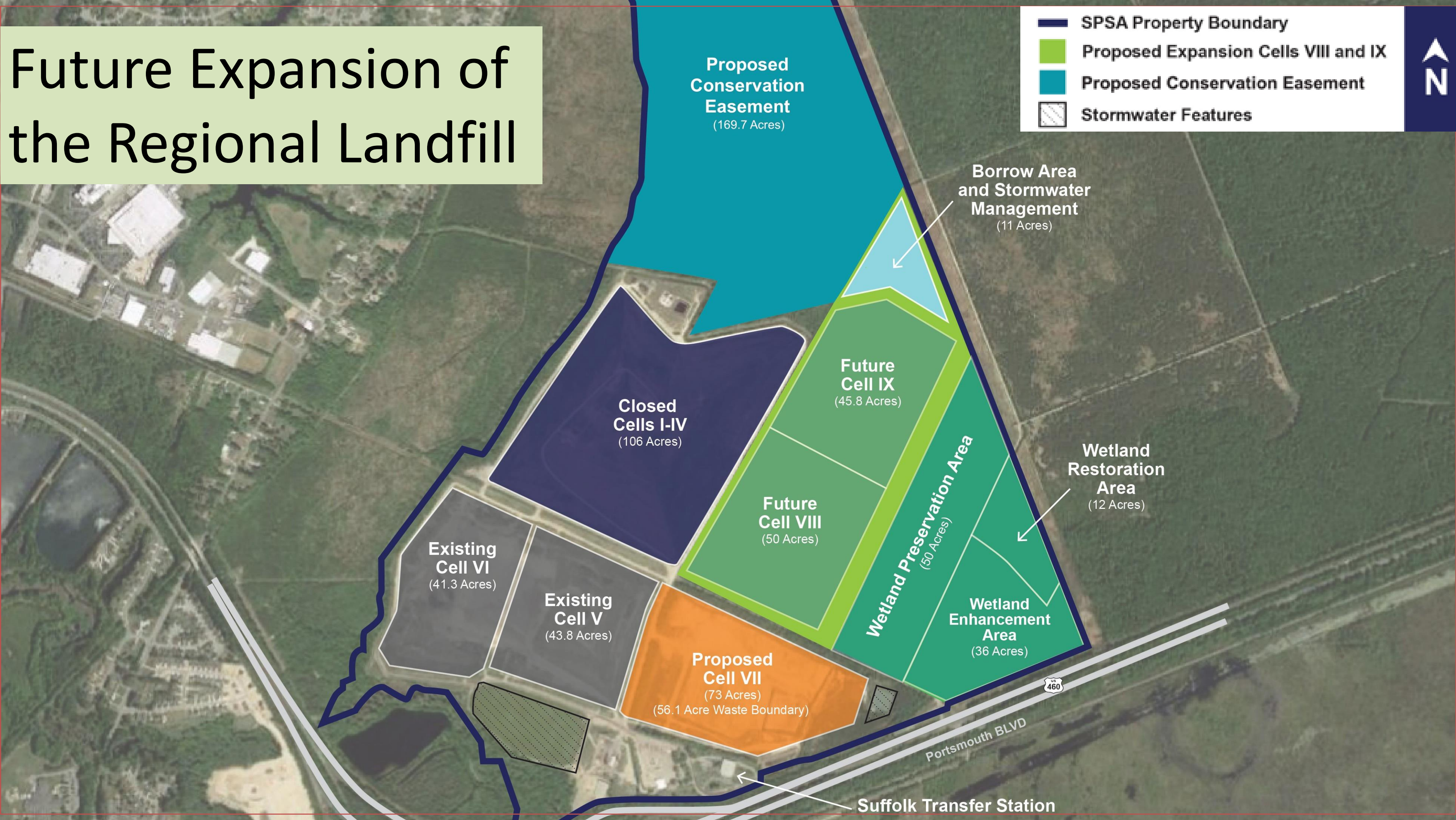
Waste Management Hierarchy



Major Amendment Two

- Expansion of the capacity of the SPSA Regional Landfill in Suffolk, VA (Solid Waste Permit No. 417): The amended RSWMP calls for the addition of 16 million cubic yards of capacity. The current capacity is 38.2 million cubic yards, and the requested total future capacity is 54.2 million cubic yards.

Future Expansion of the Regional Landfill



Amendment Process

- The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality required public hearings in each of the SPSA member localities.
- The hearings were advertised in the Virginian Pilot and the New Journal and Guide. They were also announced on the HRPDC website.
- An online comment form was available on the HRPDC website.
- The public hearings were held June – August 2023.
- Little in the way of public input was received. Representatives of Chesapeake IBC and Recycling and Disposal Solutions attended two of the hearings.

Amendment Process

- A meeting of the CAO designated Solid Waste Planning Unit Work Group was held on August 18, 2023, to brief staff of SPSA member localities on the amendment process.
- The region's CAOs were briefed on September 6, 2023.
- Following HRPDC approval, the amended plan will be submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Thank You

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